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ROMANTIC CAREER OF ROBERT W. WILCOX. HAWAII'S REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS.

First Delegate to Washington From Queen Liliuokalani's Land Is an Interesting Character.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Washington, Dec. 15.—Robert W. Wilcox.
Hawaii's Representative in Congress, who
has just left Washington for San Francisco,
is one of the most interesting men who have
visited the capital city for many a day. He
is interesting because he is the first representative of his land to the United States
Congress and also because the story of his Congress, and also because the story of his life teems with such a mingling of romance and tragedy that it sounds more like faction

Wilcox is a man of gigantic stature, swarthy of skin, martial in carriage and of an impulsive temperament. Just such a man in appearance as one would believe

man in appearance as one would believe could easily play the part of a gay deceiver to perfection, and this the accomplished Hawalian did several years ago.

His titles are as numerous as his thralling experiences. First, he was Licutenant in the Royal Artillery of Italy. Later he was Sublicutenant in the Italian Navy. Further on in his career he was a Major in King Kalakaua's army, and after that monarch was dethroned he still held his commission under Queen Lilluokalani. Still later the under Queen Liliuokalani. Still later the title of Prince Villcochi was conferred upon him. When the monarchial government

b ve affair. He met the beautiful Prince's Gina Sobrero di Stigliano, mece of Prince Ferdinando Marco Colonna di Stigliano, who is now the son-in-haw of Mrs, J. W. Mackey of Nevada. No sooner had he beceme acquainted with the proud young Princess than he determined to win her for his bride, though he well knew that she would not give her hand to one who was not of royal birth. But it was an easy matter for the dashing young officer to call himself a Prince-a royal selon from the distant isle of Hawaii.

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distant isle of Hawaii.

Young Booth was out of the way, in
Naplea, and Minister Mereno, from Hawaii,
was in Rome. The horizon was clear, and
it was as a Prince that he wooed and wen
the Princess Gima.

With the Italian beauty as his wife he
sailed for home. In the same year a revolution took place in Honolulu. The "missionary party" overpowered the King and
took charge of the administration. Wilcox
vas recalled to Honolulu, and became the
idol of the people, and those who did not
admire him feared him. But the Princess
Gina pined beneath the shame of being the
wife of a man who, far from being of a
royal house, was the son of a white man

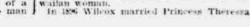
and a black woman.

In 1889 the Princess determined to flee from her husband and his hated surroundings. With a few faithful servants she sailed for San Francisco. To that city her busband traced her, but she refused to return to the islands with him.

In a short time the Princess gave bitth to a danchter, the first child of the union. For dutys the mother's life was despaired of, but as she grew stronger her rejeated toguest to see the child was granted. The infant had inherited its father's type, and was as dark as a negre. The Princess

Infant had inherited its father's type, and was as dark as a negro. The Princess bearly lost her reason when she saw this, and begged that the little one he removed from her sight. Death shortly claimed the mite of humanity, and the young mother returned to her home in Italy.

In 185 the Pope annualled the marriage of the Princess Gina de Stigliano and Robert W. Wilcox. No divorce was granted, however, until last August, when the Court of Appeals of Turin rendered a verifiet to the Princess of legal separation from the false Prince on the ground of poligamy. When having, in the meantime, married a Hawailan woman.





It is not ossification pure and simple, as in this case Conrad's sufferings would be much less. As it is, his whole body is so sensitive that the least touch causes excruciating agony. His arms are bent inward, the left hand slowly growing toward the stomach, between which and it a heavy pad of cloth is placed in effort to change

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ten years ago. Exposure brought on rheum-atism, and this developed into his presen-

Through his nurse he is kept in communi-

HER EGOTISM.

As an Officer in the Italian Army.

Owana Kaohelelani, a descendant of the great house of Keona, the father of Kambambha, the Great. Two children have been born of this marriage.

Honorable Celso Caesar Moreno, the former Prime Minister of King Kalakana, is now in the United States. It was he who took Wilcox and the unacknowledged son of the King to Italy at the time he was Ambassador from Hawall to that country. Not until the court of Turia declared that Wilcox had married the Princess Gina under false pretenses, and, later, committed polygamy, did Mr. Moreno know that Wilcox had deceived the people into believing him to be a royal Prince.

"It has taken me twenty-one years to learn the true nature of this man," said the old Prime Minister, "I, who prided myself on my judgment of man, have been deceived for twenty-one years."

With guch a varied, highly colored adventurous career behind him, Robert W. Wileox comes to America once more in the name of his native land.

What battles will he fight in Congress? What wars will be wage in the social world, or will that highly exclusive sphere receive him at all?

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PRINCESS GINA DI STIGLIANO.

KING OF INVALIDS AND HIS KINGDOM.

Charles H. Conrad, an Incurable, Corresponds With Other Famous Sick Persons.

REPUBLIC SPECIALA Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 15.—In a small dwelling at No. 1218 Cabot street, a little thoroughfare runing west of Twelfth street. just above Girard avenue, lies a young man known throughout the length and breadth of this broad land as the "King of Invalids." His throne is a bed, from which

he has not moved for ten years.

As his only companion, his faithful nurse, Miss Carrie Deatry, and his pet dog. Charles H. Conrad waits for death with the knowledge that nothing else can ever release him from his sufferings. Science can offer him to have for honderits of the most eminent.



Charles H. Conrad.

thysicians have visited his bedside and AMER:CAN CITIZEN turned away with a shake of the head. Rheumatoid arthritis is the name of the strange malady with which he is afflicted. and its effect is the formation of bone un-der the joints, rendering them extremely sensitive and perfectly motionless. Elbows, IS TO BE SHOT. kness, wrists and ankles are all dislocated and abnormally enlarged, while the rest of the trunk is emaclated, and the trunk and limbs allke contorted and twisted.

Mexican Law Metes Out This Punishment to a Man Convicted of a Murder.

El Paso, Tex., Dec. E -News has reached built young man when 21 years old, now this city that Bias Aguirre, an American citizen, is under sentence to be shot to death in Mexico. The sentence was passed by the Judge of Letters, in Juarez, opposite El cation with every chronic invalid in the country, and by them he has been given the title of "King of Invalids." Paso, and there is little chance for appeal from his order.

dited under the new treaty between the United States and Mexico, and the cas-

der. The petition was a year in being acted to

HER EGOTISM.

It would be difficult to find a better illustration of the vanity and egotism attending a "spotled child" than is afforced by the following extract from the new "Confessions" of Marie Rashkirtseff.

This young Russian git had evidently a wonderful genius for painting. A faithful apprenticeship, before her early death, sufficiently proved it; but the fact remains that she was an intolerably conceited little "piece." who must often have made herself absurd through her abnormal vanity.

Thus she writes: "I came in to dress. There is a little dinner this evening, I amuse myself in my hair-dressing, instead of disordering it. I leave the forehead frankly uncovered. Amid all these carefully draped heads, it is a charming noveity. The hair twisted on top of the head and spreading naturally, and this magnificent brow, of which I dia not suspect either the beauty or the nobleness, change me altogether. I become of an imposing candor. It seems to me that I am pontifical, or that I am descending from a throne. This gives a sweet to the bearing, an air of caim and strength. And this forehead, always hidden, is of an infantine purity. I am 15 years old."

ditted under the new treaty between the United States and Mexico, and Mexico, and Mexico, and the case is one of nathonal importance.

Two years ago Aguirro and a friend, when intoxicated, went across the Rio Grande River, below El Paso, and muscleated, went across the Rio Grande River, below El Paso, and held in jail here.

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YEAR OF DISASTER TO SEAFARING MEN.

Forthcoming Record Will Show Great Loss of Life and Property by Storm and Fire.

THE RECORD IS APPALLING.

The Previous History of Navigation Shows No Parallel in the Matter of Deep-Sea Tragedies.

Washington, Dec. 15. The last year of the entury has been frought with all sorts of alamities to sea-faring men. Since the exablishment of the hydrographic office at Washington there has been no record of maritime disasters to appalling as the one for the year that is just ending. The report of this office will be issued shortly after the first of the year, and it will be a arrative of wrecks, explosions, collisions and of all the mishaps and dangers that are likely at any time to overtake the menwho go down to the sea in thin

Four hundred craft have been lost 'n the Atlantic Ocean in the short space of twelve months. Billions of dollars marily cover the damages. Nearly one-quarter of the list of vessels that have been lost, or suffered in some other way, is composed of secam-ers, a thing not before known at the autory of mavigation.

Nearly 29 persons have perished. This includes those who met death 'n the terrible fire in New York Harbor last August. One of the most notable of the collisions at sea during the last year was the staking of the British steamer Verona by the British bark Dunstaffnage, early in March, during which two lives were lost. That the Dunstaffnage should escape and the heavy steamer go down is looked upon in shipping circles as wonderful. Another terrible dissteamer go down is looked upon in shipping circles as wonderful. Another terrible disaster was the collision between the steamers Ardandhu and the Herman Winter, in Vineyard Sound, January 23, resulting in the total loss of the former. The Ardandhu, enveloped in a dense fog, was preceeding slowly, her siren blowing at mort intervals, when suddenly there reared out of the gloom the hull of an enormous steamer. In the collision which followed the second officer and the engineer, who were below, were jammed in by the rush of waters and drowned. The rest of the crew were refored by the Winter, which put into port next day with her bow stove in. Early in May six lives were lost in the wreck of the Entish steamship Virginia, at Diamond Shoals, off Hatterns. She struck on a reef twelve miles from shore during a raging storm. Herclean efforts were made to lower the boats, but before this could be done the six unfortunates were washed away. The wreck of the German steamer Remus early in the year off the Danish coast added fourteen to the list of lives lost. Two of the crew of the Philadelphia Golden Sheat, which went to the bottom in a terrific gale off Bermuda on February 25, were drowned, although strendous efforts were made to save them. It is interesting to note that in this instance the rescue of the remainder of the crew was due to dropping oil on the water, a practice which is becoming more and more common in case of severe storms at sea.

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It is impossible to give a careful estimate of the character and amount of freight lost in these disasters. In the big New York fire which destroyed the three magnificent steamers, the Saule, the Main and the Bremen, almost \$6,000,000 worth of merchandize was consumed. The figures, while startling do not represent anything like the amount of freight lost on coasting schooners and tramp steamers. The last three months have been particularly severe on marine underwriters. Along the New England coast and the Grand Banks the average number of schooners lost during this period has been one per day. No less than forty-six craft of various rigs are reported to have been lost in that neighborhood during the present week, while at least ten lives were sacrificed. The terrible gales that have visited the coast during the last two months have been the cause of almost one-quarter of the number of losses within the year now drawing to a close. The Delaware River has been the scene of an unusually large have been the cause of almost one-quarter of the number of losses within the year now drawing to a close. The Delaware River has been the scene of an unusually large en has been the scene of an unusually large number of maritime disasters. Tugs, barkes and innumerable river craft have been destroyed, while two large steamers have gone to the bottom. The most sensational of these events was the sinking of the steamer Bermuda, on which the late Cantain John D. Hart won fame as a filluster. Three months previous to this the Bermuda herself ran down and sank the three-masted schooner, the Frank S. Hall, off Winter Quarter Light, below Cape Henlopen. Earlier in the year the British steamship Restormel sank in twenty-fish steamship Restormel sank in twenty-fish steamship Restormel sank in twenty-fish the Transvaal. The coal barge Iron State was run into and sunk while hying at anchor off Greenwich Foint by the German steamship Bengalia. The barge and her cargo, both valued at \$2,000 were a total loss. The most recent catastronhe in the belaware was the collision between the steamer Major Barrett and the tug Fleetwing. The tug sank immediately and two of her crew were drowned.

It is impossible to recount the entire number of ocean wrecks that have taken placed uring the last year. Each one was attended with thrilling incidents, and in cases where the crew have escaped their rescue has been little short of a miracle. It is becoming more and more apparent to shipowners that redoubled precautions for the safety of beth crews and passengers will have to be taken.

THE FLOOD SCENE.

From 'The Mill on the Floss.'

AT that moment Maggie felt a startling sensation of sudden cold about her kness and feet; it was water flowing under her. She started up; the stream was flowing under the door that led into the passage. She was not bewildered for an instant; she knew it was the flood * * There was a step down into the room at the door leading from the staffcase; she saw that the water was already on a level with the step. While she was looking something came with a tremendous crash against the window, and sent the leaded panes and other wooden framework inwards in shivers the water pouring in after it.

"It is the boat?" cried Maggie. * * The she had got possession of an oar and pushed off. * * "Oh, God, where am I? Which is the way home?" she cried out in the dim loneliness.

Which is the way home?" she cried out in the dim loneliness.
What was happening to them at the mil?

* * They might be in danger, in distress—her mother, her brother, alone there, beyond reach of help! * * With panting joy that she was there at last—joy that overcame all distress—Maggie neared the front of the house. At first she heard no sound; she saw no oblect moving. Her boat was on a level with the upstairs window. She called out in a loud, plercing voice:

boat was on a level with the upstairs window. She called out in a loud, plercing voice:

"Tom, where are you? Mother, where are you? Here is Maggie!"

Soon, from a window in the central gable, she heard Tom's veice:

"Who is it? Have you brought a boat?"

"It is I, Tom-Maggie. Where is mother?"

"She is not bere. She went to Gareem the day before yesterday."

It was not till Tom had pushed off and they were on the wide water-he face to face with Maggie—that the full meaning of what had happened rested upon his mind.

* * But at last a mist gathered over the blue-gray eyes, and the lips found a word they could utter-the old, childish "Magsie"

The sun was rising now, and the wide area of watery desolation was spread out in dreadful clearness floated onward the hurrying, threatening masses. * * Suddenly Tom, looking forward, saw death rushing on them. Huge fragments, clinging together, a fatal fellowship, made one wide mass across the stream.

"It is coming, Maggie!" Tom said, in a deep, hoarse voice, loosing the oars and clasping her.

The next instant the boat was no longer seen upon the water, and the huge mass was hurrying on in hideous triumph. * *

The boat reappeared, but brother and sister had gone down in an embrace never to be parted; living through again in one supreme moment the days when they had clasped their little hands in love and roamed the daisled fields together.—George Eliot.

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PICTURES MARVELS OF COLOR.

There Are Studies of Trees and Flowers and Landscapes That Are Characteristically Oriental.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Boston, Mass., Dec. 15.-There are six

consent to pose for us."

young artists, just from Japan, in town, with specimens of their art to the extent of some 400 pictures, which they are showing at the rooms of the Boston Art Club. These young men are delighted with the models they have found here. They say that in Japan it is difficult to secure women models, and that they admire immense ly the pink cheeks, the blue eyes and falt hair of the dainty American women, "It is an honor to us," says one of the artistic gentlemen in his most polite tones and best English, "to have these beautiful models

The names of the artists are Yoshida, Nakagawa, Slimzo Kawai, Gultsutani, Maruyama and Kanokogi, all under 23. The artists from the Orient are small of stature, with very intelligent faces and bright eyes. They are very quick of move-ment and courteons in manner. Mr. Ma-ruyama, who seems to be at the head of rayama, who seems to be at the head of affairs, has always worked by himself, and, as his friends say, "from the nature."

The pictures represent years of faithful study and toll, from the variety of the subjects one would judge that the whole of Japan was made up of picturesque spots. There are temples, flowering cherry crees, "the forest of Stone Lanterns." the wonderful boars, that look old enough to have been built for journies to the moon or san, dancing girls from the temples, round-faced little children, gardens with dwarfed trees in strange shapes, forests with in-

scriptions hanging on the trees, addressed to the gods, and landscapes with the sharp-peaked mountain line againt the sky. In fact, every paintable object in Japan seems to have been caught by the brushes of these artists.

There is wonderful coloring is good, and the subjects well handled. All the pictures are done in water colors. FITTINGS FROM THE

BRADLEY MARTIN HOUSE. Hotel Will Contain the Interior

That Made a Palace of a Wealthy Man's Home.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Bangor, Me., Dec. 15.—The costly interior finish that made the Bradley Martin house of New York a palace has been sold at auction and shipped to Custine, Me., to furnish a little summer hotel on the island in Penobscot Bay.

When the Bradley Martin shook the dust of American soil from their boots and sailed

When the Bradley Martin shook the dust of American soil from their boots and salled away to become subjects of Queen Victoria, they left behind, besides the memory of a costly dinner, many van loads of expensive furniture. A gentleman from Bangor, who was then contemplating the building of the hotel that is now on the way to completion, happened to be in New York at the time when the Bradley Martin house was being dismantled. He purchased the entire interior fittings, massive mahogany doors and wainscoting, stained and leaded glass windows and other things of exquisite design and workmanship.

and workmanship.

All of these valuables were loaded on two schooners and the vessels set sall for Castine. One of them made the voyage without incident, but the other find an adventure in Fortland Harbor which came near ending fatally for cargo and all on board.

It was during the several services which

via Missouri Pacific.

FOR TWENTY YEARS.

Now Margaret's Lover Says He Is Too Old to Think of Marriage and Margaret Sues Him.

POLICEMAN WANTS TO SAIL.

Knowing This, His Fiancee Called In a Lawyer and Was Advised to Get a Warrant for His Arrest.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL

New York, Dec. 15 .- Twenty-one years ago Margaret Lynch was young, plump and rosy. She left her father's farm in the County Mayo, Ireland, and came to America. There were many suitors for the fair near ending fatally for cargo and all on board.

It was during the severe storm which swept over the Maine and New England coast a short time ago that the schooner found herself in the vicinity of Portland Harbor. The Bradley Martin reassures were all snugly stowed away in the upper bold, while the lower hold was filled from top to bottom with a cargo of cement. The storm was of unusual flerceness, and during the gale the schooner had the misfortune to go ashore on Diamond Island.

For a time it seemed as if all was lost, but tugs were dispatched to the scene as scon as the wind had somewhal absted and the work of taking the cargo off in lighters was commenced. Everything was temoved in safety and reshipped to Castine, where it at hast arrived in safety.

All of the Bradley Martin interior is to be used in finishing the new hotel which is being erected at Castine for use during the coming summer.

The house will be known as the Dome of the Rock, because of a boulder which will be surrounded by a portion of the fifteenfoot pinzza.

Lew Raies to Kanass City and Return via Missouri Pacific. pleased her best of them all. McCormick A few days ago Miss Lynch heard that Accormick was about to sail for Ireland. She consulted a lawyer and caused his ar-rest. She will bring suit for breach of prom-ise.

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